

AFFAIRS IN BROOKLYN.

DEMOCRATS HAVE A HARD TASK TRYING TO MAKE SURE DISTRICTS AND STILL OBEY THE LAW.

John H. Meyenberg, counsel of the Board of Supervisors, and Corporation Counsel Jenks have declined to accept the form of order proposed by Jesse Johnson in the matter of the reapportionment of the Assembly Districts under the decision of the Court of Appeals. It will be left to the Court to frame the order. The action taken by the supervisors will be determined by the Democratic leaders, and they are hard at work trying to frame a division which will accord with the decision of the Court of Appeals and make the districts as nearly equal as possible, while gerrymandering them so as to create as many more Democratic ones as possible. To do this it is proposed to divide some of the wards, but this will enable the matter to be again carried to the Court of Appeals, as the point whether the wards are to be divided is the meaning of the law that no town shall be divided in forming the districts, has not been passed upon.

JOHN WOOD MAKES AN ASSIGNMENT.

John Wood, a well-known furniture dealer and former treasurer of the Brooklyn Tabernacle, made an assignment yesterday for the benefit of his creditors. He recently had to remove his business from a building to be taken by the bridge trustees in the widening of Liberty-st. to No. 609 Fulton-st., and he attributes his failure to removal and the depression in the furniture trade caused by the competition of dry-goods dealers. The assignment is made to John Hausman, of No. 241 Park Place, New York. The liabilities are placed at \$300,000. Mr. Wood has been in the furniture business for thirty years. He is one of the trustees of Dr. Talmage's Tabernacle, and was succeeded by ex-Senator Birkett in the office of treasurer. About twenty years ago when he was engaged in business with Major R. C. Corwin the firm failed.

A DANGEROUS MAN ARRESTED.

Peter Rafferty, living at No. 180 North Ninth-st., was arrested yesterday before Justice Goetting on a charge of intoxication and assaulting an officer. Rafferty was recently released from the penitentiary, where he served a two years' sentence for assaulting his mother. He was arrested on Tuesday night, after breaking through the line formed around a burning building at North Eleventh-st. and Driggs-ave. Before Rafferty could be arrested he had beaten off four officers to overpower him. Justice Goetting sent him to jail for sixty days on the charge of intoxication, and at the expiration of the sentence he will be tried on the charge of assault.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN.

The appointment of Deputy Collector Remond to succeed the late Alan P. Nichols as Chief Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, was only temporary, and yesterday Collector Nathan appointed ex-Assemblyman Charles N. Connolly to the place.

The statement of Edward Rowe, of the Board of Education, who has served twenty-five years in that body, that "the evening schools are places of assassination for young men and young women," made at the meeting of the board on Monday night, caused much comment yesterday, and Mr. Rowe said that he did not use the word assassination in a bad sense. He denied imputing immorality to any pupils in the evening schools. The other members of the board said that the evening schools are resorted to for improper purposes. Mr. Rowe is opposed to spending much money on the evening schools.

Arbor Day will be observed with appropriate exercises in the public schools to-morrow.

Martin Casey, pilot of the police boat Judge Moore, has been reduced to a deckhand because he took a party of friends out for a Sunday trip on the boat against orders. H. Shepard, who was appointed a policeman a few days ago, but who was a pilot for many years, has been appointed to succeed Martin, and will receive \$1,750 a year under the new law which ranks pilots with police sergeants.

Major Thomas S. Findlay, who was sent to Sing Sing State Prison in 1891, on the charge of embezzling \$22,000 from the shoe manufacturing firm of Wallace, Elliott & Co., of No. 118 Duane-st., New York, has been pardoned, and is living with his family in Brooklyn.

HOME NEWS.

WHAT IS GOING ON TO-DAY.
 Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, 12 p. m.
 New Jersey Jockey Club races, Elizabeth, 2 p. m.
 Baptist Social Union, Windsor Hotel, 8 p. m.
 Woman Suffrage League, No. 125 East Twenty-third-st., 8 p. m.
 Association of Good Moral Home annual meeting, United Church Building, 8:30 p. m.
 Phi Beta Kappa, Clark's, evening.
 Princeton Club, Hotel Brunswick, 8:30 p. m.
 American Institute quarterly meeting, No. 111 West Thirty-ninth-st., 8 p. m.
 Archdeacon C. C. Condit's anniversary celebration, St. Paul's Church, 8 p. m.
 Dinner to J. C. Hendrix, Montauk Club, Brooklyn, evening.
 Twilight Club dinner, St. Denis Hotel, 6 p. m.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Among the passengers by the American Line steamer Tark on Saturday next will be Mr. and Mrs. Augustin Daly, James J. Frawley and Theodore Runyon, United States Minister to Germany.

Owing to an unfortunate typographical error the local obituary notice of Mrs. Julia Harwood Sulger, wife of Isaac Sulger, published yesterday, made the surname read Sulger. She was the sister of the Rev. Dr. Edwin Harwood, of New Haven, and the mother of Archdeacon Sulger, of the Episcopal diocese of Wyoming and Idaho.

No session of Part III of the Court of General Sessions was held yesterday, as Judge Fitzgerald was absent, his wife having borne him a child.

A meeting of Good Government Club No. 1, one of the organizations affiliated with the City Club, will be held at the Lyceum, No. 525 West Ninety-ninth-st., this evening. William M. Evans and others will make speeches.

The meeting of the Greater Club set for tonight has been postponed a week. An exhibition of books will be given in connection with it.

Three bids for altering and refitting the New Hampshire, the vessel lent by the Government for the use of the 1st Naval Battalion, were opened by the Army Board yesterday. John F. Walsh, Jr., asked to do the work, \$14,750; T. J. Frawley & Son, \$14,950; and John Kelly, \$12,850.

A concert will be given by the St. Cecilia Guild of St. Michael's Church, under the direction of Mrs. John M. Elmore, for the benefit of the Vestment fund, at No. 109 West Seventy-fourth-st., to-morrow evening.

Minister of the Interior, D. C. of Canada, and his chief department clerk, Mr. Burgess, visited Ellis Island yesterday. They expressed themselves as much pleased with the manner in which the Bureau of Immigration was conducted.

Paymaster H. Trumbull Standish, of the Navy, now on duty at the Norfolk Navy Yard, is reported to have under consideration his resignation from the Navy to accept a flattering offer from the White Star Steamship Line. He received his first appointment in the Volunteer Navy on January 20, 1867, and was commissioned assistant paymaster in the Regular Navy on February 21, 1867. He was promoted to paymaster on April 5, 1882.

The Charity Organization Society has formed a new district, and opened an additional office on the west side of Central Park. Its work is intended to cover all the area from Fifty-ninth-st. to One-hundred-and-ninth-st. The office is at No. 527 Amsterdam-ave., near Eighty-sixth-st., and will be open for the present from 9 to 11 a. m. and 3 to 5 p. m.

Paintings by J. Alden Weir, J. H. Frankman, Claude Monet and A. Bernard, and the Franklin porcelain, with a few high-class Eastern rugs, were on view last evening at the American Art Galleries.

FURTHER LIGHT ON A MYSTERY.

Professor H. P. Loomis, the pathologist, of this city, made an autopsy on the body of Helena Dammeyer, the young woman who died at the Sanitary Infirmary, New-Brighton, from the result of an operation which had been performed three weeks ago. Professor Loomis said that death had resulted from peritonitis. Dr. Eichler, who is charged with having performed the operation, is still locked up. The doctor was granted a hearing on Saturday last, having lived at Stapleton about twenty years ago. John Butler, the butcher, has been unable to secure bail. The police have learned that when the young woman visited the doctor's office she was accompanied by four other young women, who were members of a disreputable house. A warrant for their arrest has been issued by Coroner Seabury.

WILLIAM PURCELL CONVICTED.

MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

TAMMANY TESTIMONY NOT SUFFICIENT TO SAVE HIM—TO BE SENTENCED ON MONDAY.

William Purcell, accused of killing John P. Farrell, was convicted of manslaughter in the first degree yesterday before Justice Ingraham, in the Court of Oyer and Terminer. The case was finished and given to the jury at 9:20 last night, and at 10:25 it returned with the verdict. Purcell was remanded until Monday for sentence. This verdict carries with it the penalty of imprisonment for not more than twenty years.

Some bold perjury has been committed in the trial of William Purcell before Justice Ingraham. In the Court of Oyer and Terminer, or there has been an attempt by men who are prominent in Tammany Hall to save Purcell, who is also prominent in this organization. The witness who gave this testimony is Thomas W. Callan, a "tough," who has been in jail several times by his own admissions on the witness-stand. He testified on Tuesday that he had seen Purcell put his head out of the door of the bar-room on the night of the murder. He declared that he recognized Purcell by his beard.

James C. Robinson, a lawyer, of No. 11 Rine-st., was called yesterday and advised an affidavit which was made by Callan. In this affidavit Callan swore that he was forty feet away from the door when the shooting was done and he did not see who fired the shot. Callan also made a second affidavit, which was produced, in which he declared that he did not believe Purcell fired the shot. This produced considerable of a sensation in Court and Justice Ingraham questioned this witness closely.

After he had finished Assistant District Attorney McIntyre recalled Callan. He declared that after the shooting Michael J. Walsh, a clerk in the County Clerk's office, came to him and threatened that he would make trouble for the witness, on account of his bad character. If he did not do as he wanted. If he followed his instructions, Callan declared, Walsh promised that he would secure him a place in Flannery's bar. Callan took him to see Commissioner Brennan, and that official gave him a blank application to make out. This application required the names of three men to recommend him. He thought a clerk in Walsh's office, he believed Walsh and some one else, he did not know who, signed it for him. He secured the appointment and Walsh told him to come over and see him about getting the job. He did go down and Walsh told him that he could not secure the brewery position, and asked him how he would like to drive an ash cart.

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NEWS FROM NEW-JERSEY.

JERSEY CITY.

Andrew J. Boyle, who was beaten for Freewheel by William Hanna in the VIII District of Hudson County, yesterday began suit to oust his opponent, Mr. Boyle, who lives in the Jersey City end of the district, alleged that the votes received by Mr. Hanna in Harrison and Kearny were illegal, because the ballots did not conform to the requirements of the election law. He was required to give bonds, and the case was adjourned to next Tuesday.

Edward Smith and Margaret Waldron, a widow with two children, were married by Pastor Bly, of the Lafayette Methodist Episcopal Church, at Jersey City, on January 17, 1892. After obtaining possession of several hundred dollars, which his wife had saved before marriage, Smith deserted her. He was found living at Roslyn, L. I., under the name of Ezekiel Adams, with a wife and three grown children. Smith was taken back to Jersey City and indicted for bigamy. Yesterday, when arraigned for trial, both wives were in court. Rather than face their evidence, the prisoner withdrew his first plea and pleaded guilty. He was remanded for sentence.

Owing to the high prices demanded by owners of property needed for the new City Hall site in Jersey City, the commissioners yesterday decided to take the property by condemnation. The prices set by the appraisers for 25,000 to 25,000. The total amount is \$120,500.

Elizabeth. The trial of the suit of ex-Prosecutor James D. Henson, of Westfield, against the Central Railroad Company for \$50,000 damages, was begun yesterday in the Union County Circuit Court before Judge Van Dyke and a jury.

Newark. The contest of the will of Matthias Price was begun in the Chancery Court yesterday. Mr. Price died about a year ago at the age of ninety-two years, leaving a widow and three children. The will of the will is the two brothers of the dead man.

New-Brunswick. The final accounting was made on Tuesday to the Orphan's Court, at New-Brunswick, of the estate of T. Wilton Hill, ex-cassier of the National Bank at Jamesburg, in Middlesex County. Hill when he died was a defaulter to the amount of \$80,000. The accounting showed a balance of \$2,607. The creditors of the estate have claims amounting to \$2,607. The Jamesburg Bank being the credit creditor with a claim of \$54,719.46. The accountants get a title over 6 cents on the dollar.

PATERSON. A boy about seventeen years old was taken to the general hospital, at Paterson, yesterday. He has a bullet hole between his right eye and the bridge of his nose. He has been unconscious since his arrival at the hospital, and will probably die. He was found lying by a farm fence about a mile and a quarter south of Paterson, in Ramsey's Bog, yesterday morning. There was no weapon near him and nothing to show how he was wounded.

Orange. A new step was taken yesterday in the fight between the Newark and South Orange Railway Company for the electric franchise. Heretofore the cars of the company have run to the station of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad. Yesterday they were stopped at the first freight station church, nearly half a mile from the station. It was asserted that the franchise of the company had been forfeited by this action, but on investigation it was found that only one car a day is required to be operated within the city limits. It is thought that this is an attempt to force the franchise on other terms than they have been fighting on.

Rutherford. The house of Thomas Stetson, Editor of "The Bergen County Herald," was visited by two burglars yesterday morning and robbed. Mr. Stetson reports his losses as \$20 in money, a \$20 check, several articles of silverware and a quantity of clothing.

Passaic. A large force of men worked all Tuesday night and yesterday repairing the big break in the bank of the Dundee canal, but it will be several days before the water can be let in again and the mills started up. It is estimated that the repairing will cost the Dundee Water Power and Land Company \$10,000. Twelve laborers who were paid a pole to carry another electric light had a narrow escape yesterday morning when on the trestle-bridge of the Passaic and Erie Railroad, which crosses the canal. The pole snapped and a pile of lumber fell on the trestle, which was then down on the trestle, which is twenty feet above the bed of the canal. None was injured.

Raynham. Edward M. Griffin, chairman of the Raynham, N. J., Republican City Committee, was Tuesday night nominated and confirmed as detective. Before the new reform administration came into power Republicans had only two men in shared office elected by the Council. The party has gained the head of the collector's and Assessor's office, and several smaller offices. The Council adopted a report to increase the police force by six men and one sergeant, which insures places for several more Republicans.

Long Island. The citizens of Flushing are excited over the recent order of the Metropolitan Board of Health, which provides that litter-carriers shall work but eight hours a day. This order went into effect on May 1. Carriers have earned a large amount of extra pay in Flushing within the past few years, and it is the extra time and pay allowed to them that has induced the Boardmaster-General to issue the order, thereby curtailing expenses. The result will be to decrease the number of deliveries. The records of the Flushing postoffice show that a net profit of \$5,000 was paid over to the Government last year, while Long Island City, which has about fifteen carriers, only shows a profit of \$150 for the year. A general protest will be made against the Boardmaster-General's order.

Long Island City. Frederick P. Morris, of the Long Island News Company, secured a warrant yesterday morning for the arrest of J. G. Clark, manager of the Long Island City office, who disappeared on Monday. Morris says that Clark is \$4,343 in short in his accounts with Morris & Co., the young, frigate electrician, who is charged with abducting Joseph Randolph, the sixteen-year-old daughter of the Rev. Amos Randolph, pastor of the Holland Free Church, came up for a hearing yesterday, before Justice Kavanaugh, and was adjourned until Friday.

Long Island City. The death of Miss Elsie Marian, of Ravenswood, whose parents believed that their daughter was not dead but in a trance, was reported by Dr. J. H. Barrett and Dr. W. W. Menner, assisted by Drs. Barrett and Strong, made an autopsy on the body of the dead girl, and found that she died from meningitis.

FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES.

THE GOVERNOR URGED TO SIGN A BILL.

A LIBERAL REQUEST TO THE CITY THAT HANGS ON HIS DECISION.

The following letter was sent to The Tribune yesterday by Albert R. Moore, a lawyer, of No. 170 Broadway. Appended to Mr. Moore's letter is a copy of one sent by him to Governor Flower yesterday:

To the Editor of The Tribune:
 Sir: At the last session of the Legislature, a bill prepared by Messrs. Williams, Esq., of this city, and entitled, "An Act to Regulate Gifts for Charitable Purposes," was presented to the Senate and Assembly, and passed, and is now before the Governor for his signature. A copy of the bill is annexed.

The purpose of this bill is so beneficial that it should command the attention of public-spirited citizens, and should receive the prompt approval of the Governor before the statutory time for signing the bill has expired.

If this law had existed when the Tilden will was offered for probate, the city of New-York would be today in the full enjoyment of the magnificent bequest made to the Tilden Trust nearly seven years ago.

And an additional and emphatic illustration of the value of the proposed law is shown in the following copy of a letter which I sent to the Governor today:

Hon. Russell P. Flower, Capitol, Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir: I desire to call your attention to Senate bill No. 1234, now in your hands for signature, and entitled, "An Act to Regulate Gifts for Charitable Purposes."

The necessity for this bill becoming a law has appeared in the case of the Tilden will, and is enforced by a will, which I have just been directed to draw, by which the testator proposes to give the bulk of his fortune to the establishment and maintenance of a free athletic ground and gymnasium in the city of New-York. No such benevolent institution now exists, nor does there exist, to my knowledge, any institution whose corporate purposes and organization will permit its receiving a bequest to be used and applied by it to such a purpose. If, therefore, this bill before you becomes a law, and a trust to raise and manage the fund may be legally established, then this proposed valuable gift to the city of New-York will be made, but if the bill fails then the money will necessarily be given to other purposes.

The will is in my hands awaiting the final passage or other disposition of the matter, and I respectfully urge that the bill receive your sanction. Yours very truly,

ALBERT R. MOORE.

The following is the bill:

An act to regulate gifts for charitable purposes.

The people of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. No gift, grant, devise or bequest of real or personal property, or of any interest therein, shall be valid unless the same shall be made in conformity with the provisions of this act.

Section 2. No gift, grant, devise or bequest of real or personal property, or of any interest therein, shall be valid unless the same shall be made in conformity with the provisions of this act.

Section 3. No gift, grant, devise or bequest of real or personal property, or of any interest therein, shall be valid unless the same shall be made in conformity with the provisions of this act.